

I am writing as a long term customer of an independent ISP. I remain with Sonic.net in California because of their outstanding customer service, technical support, and reasonable price. I choose NOT to go with a larger (somewhat cheaper) DSL provider because the people at Sonic give me better service for my money. I also like to support independent smaller businesses as I believe our economy benefits in the long run.

I am against this petition filed by BellSouth as deregulation of broadband service will most likely benefit only the larger communications companies -- and hurt the independent providers (the very people who created and built this internet which we all rely on now).

As we have seen consistently, deregulation of communications and utilities has NOT benefitted the people at large.